WILL BE MANY FLASHES IN THE ATHLETICS' BATTERIES AT SHIBE PARK THIS SUMMER

E WHLL SELECT PLAYERS BOSTON RED SOX TO FORM **NUCLEUS FOR 1918 ATHLETICS**

General Is Not Divulging Secrets, but opes to Put Out Creditable Team—Seasoned Men to Be Preferred

of the last week in the busy marts of trade have led us to that the rame of the American League entry in our city is anged from the "A's" to the "Z's." Connie Mack's team is ed, bilsa red, amputated and gone floory, and prospects for ip are as dead as a Boche gizzard at Verdun. The old Athstepped out of the picture and perhaps there will be some new fill in. At any rate, we hope there will be new faces, for it would to see a nice place like Shibe Park go to the bowwows. But rce and there is no dope from Shibe Park. We probably will take it with us when we watch the games this season.

ever, and be that as it may, Connie is back and soon will get other-at least it is SAID he will get a team together to start right. Just who he has in mind is a mystery and it is likely to sch, for Mr. Mack is not very communicative these days. His bably will be a flock of Red Sox discards and a few former rs, who have been through the mill before. The prancing, enyouth from the grass belt will be conspicuous by his absence. its this.

ge the gaunt general of the shattered army had something up when he disposed of Stuffy McInnis for players instead of cash. we how hard it is to get ball players, having been on a stillor talent for three years. The bush leagues have been carefully d, and there was nothing doing. It was an expensive proposition, salaries of scouts, combined with railroad fares, made a big dent old bankroll. In fact, there is such a scarcity of talent that some are beginning to believe that there ain't no such animal as a

O, TO give Connie the benefit of the doubt, it looks as if he really out over something in disposing of McInnis. Seven players are tar than one, especially when the men have been carefully ed by the Boston scouts and labeled O. K. for big league serv-If they were good enough for the Red Sox, it's a cinch they ill be good enough for the A's. Thus Connie is saved lots of time, erry and cash. Let's walt and see how the transaction works

Giants Again Are Class of National League

CK HENDRICKS, the newly appointed manager of the St. Louis Carin his first announcement as a major leaguer, says that the will again be the most dangerous club on the circuit next season. the team which beats the New York club will win the nennant In of the great effort which has been made to strengthen the Chicago ching staff, Hendricks does not regard Mitchell's club to be as de as McGraw's team.

adricks infers that all the other clubs have been willing to sell de their players to Chicago because they wanted to see the Cubs Giants out of a pennant next season. Hendricks calls the league's to the fact that it would be far better to aid in strengthening the als, for they would have a better chance of downing the Giants in than the Cubs have.

Ught now the Cubs need more help to build up a ball club than the For years I have been keeping close watch on the major league and I think I am fairly competent to judge of the strength of the teams. To me it seems it would be easier to build up the Cards pennant contender than to patch up the Cubs.

Why should St. Louis sacrifice any of its players to help the Cubs? not claiming any pennants for the Cardinals right now, but I am that I will go the limit to be up there in the fight all the time, en if the Cubs have Alexander, Tyler and Killefer, I am satisfied re better material on which to construct a pennant winner than

e idea of baseball," continued Hendricks, "is always to beat the That means to beat the team that copped the pennant in the race. It helps the whole league, in the matter of attendance, to he champion club set on the rocks. That's just baseball, I've met through my experience in the game. Every, one is always out to

BUT in this case if the idea is to beat the Giants, why not let he rest of the clubs kick in with players to the Cardinals het us be the ones to beat McGraw's men? St. Louis is a great wn-perhaps the greatest in the country-if the fans were a chance to root for winners, as have New York, Boston and

New Ball Contract Calls for Actual Season Only

W form of baseball contract will go into effect next season, accordto a ruling made at the recent session of the National Commission ati, changing conditions to include actual time of play only, a flat six months' period. While old contracts called for semihly payments for six months' service, the new ones will, while dating the first day of play, end with the last, form of the new contract does not of itself indicate a reduced

at a substantial saving to club owners will be noticed in the case taken on during the playing season. Players reporting near the season hitherto have been paid up to October 15. Under the ct such contracts will end with the last game of the schedule. new contracts also will omit all reference to the Players' Fra The fraternity still was recognized by organized baseball when the its were drawn up, as the "frat" did not make its strike threat contracts were signed. The old contracts specifically mentioned made by organized ball with the fraternity, but all mention paide organization has been omitted in the new specificatons.

Giants, it is said, fajled to regard a general understanding mong big league teams affecting contracts for the coming sea-, and the old forms calling for six months and semimonthly

Historic Hoodoo Still Pursues Yankee Team

years of hot pursuit of the New York Yankees by a relentk hoodoo has not yet ended. Every sort of player and many has been encountered in the meanwhile, and now the ele me into play. Manager Huggins was preparing to mobilize ts at Macon, Ga., as per contract arrangement, when along comes and completely demolishes the stands of the ball park as well racetrack adjoining it. Not that the loss of the track would ntable obstacle to spring training work, although developmore or less important feature of preliminary work, but ded that lack of a playing field would be hard to overcome, ce a sudden change of plans is necessitated.

knocks out a general program outlined which offered adth for training and for drawing crowds at exhibition games ed materially in financing the preliminary season. There camp near Macon, from which a large attendance was le a game had been arranged with the Boston Nationals boost to the training season. This game was to have been ceries for the entertainment of the various cantonments of e and to have comprised the opener of a general tour

TIONS at present are that Manager Huggins likely will his men to Savannah, where there is a good park and good animodations. Such a move, however would completely as no to play for a nearby cantonment and would like to the series arrangement with Stallings as well as Stall-

hers Has Developed Many Stars

threeque figures have been developed in minor league than Ned Bran, familiarly known in the middle and the market he has been turning out dependable teams for the market he has been turning out dependable teams for the market has been turning out dependable teams for the last the first players than this same bush mogul, who all the way from Winniper to Muscatine and who has three players reign as pilot of the Milwaukee American



JIMMY BROWN BREAKS RECORD

Former Camden Star Scores 8 Field Goals in American League Debut

GIRARD ALUMNI WINS

Jimmy Brown, thes former Camden Eastern League star, made his debut in the American Basketball League society last night and after watching Eastern League star, made his debut in the American Basketball League through the mists, when we used to bity the managers of certain ball clubs, him dribble all over the playing floor and shoot field goals from all angles. These poor managers had twenty-five and shoot field goals from all angles, the eight hundred clubmen at Traymore Hall were unanimous in their opinion that Jimmy's "coming out" was a grand success.

Sporting the dark green jersey of the But compared to the company or battery commander the baseball manager played very little baseball in their lives. "Or suppose, as several of the company commanders have, he had to handle men who couldn't speak English and who, in the main, had no particular these men were boneheads; some were taxy; others refused to keep training.

But compared to the company or battery commander the baseball manager of strangel or a sweep of gas.

Sporting the dark green jersey of the St. Columba Club, the former "skeeter" icearly showed that he has been unable to break himself of that "bad" habit of smashing individual scoring records and striving to lead the other members of the circuit in points scored. All that James did in his initial appearance be-

after the second half started and de-feated the Y. M. H. A. five by the score of 24 to 22. Two long field goals from the center of the floor turned the tide in Girard's favor. Haire and White do-ing the trick. This game was one of the closest of the season. The manager of the Beth Israel team announced last night that he had signed Harry Frankle, the former Trenton Eastern League star and that he would

Castern League star, and that he would

play Wednesday night.

The accounting department of the United States Naval Reserve force at League Island has organized a basketball team, and is anxious to arrange contests with first class cage fives throughout the State. The "Nraf's," like all the other teams

The "Nraf's," like all the other teams that have been organized by the men in the service of Uncle Sam, is composed of players who have had considerable experience in the cage. Some of the better known are Harry Fritz, former Central High School all-around athlete, who played with Jasper, Eastern League, a few years ago; Redfield, formerly of Northeast and later of University of Penn; Huiskamp, who is a University of Penn; Huiskamp, who is a University of Nebraska "bearcat"; Crimmel, former

Penn; Hulskamp, who is a University of Nebraska "bearcat"; Crimmel, former Lebanon Valley star; "Bob" Rausher, former Northeast High basketballer, and Paymaster "Bob" Cameron, of the Brotherhood League. Manager John H. Doherty, who for-merly handled the reins of the Lyden-hurst teams of the Brotherhood League, and is well known for his ability to turn out successful quiniets, has booked turn out successful quintets, has booked several contests, the first of which will be played Saturday evening, January 26, with American Bridge Company at the company's mansion, Manayunk ave-

First class teams desiring games ad-dress Chief Yeoman John H. Doherty, care of Accounting Department, Build-ing 26, League Island.

Through the efforts of Assistant Director of Athletics Ray Cross, the former Greystock Eastern League star, the Naval Reserves stationed at Cape May have organized a basketball team, and are willing to play either at home or away with the various cantonments. Dix, Mende, Wrightstown base hospital units, or, in fact, any team that represents the service. Games may be arranged through Ray Cross, Section Base. Cape May, N. J.

Jimmy. "Hump" Campbell, the local boy, who created a sensation with Greystock while the Fastern League was struggling slong, has at last decided to join the Penn State League. James has been sought by every club in the league, and after George Keller had sent a couple descent telegrams Campbell decided to dign with Wilkes-Barre and appeared in the Barcon's line-up against icranton last night. He will play with "Chief" Muller, Jimmy Kane, Leo Maller, Jimmy Kane,

MANAGING BASEBALL PLAYERS ROSES AND NECTAR COMPARED WITH JOB OF MAKING SOLDIERS

Difference in Pay, Increase in Number Handled and Lack of Enthusiasm of Many Make Military Assignment Tough One

THERE was a day, somewhere back played very little baseball in their lives.

shrappel or go over the top."
"Just suppose," the captain continued,
"a baseball manager had to look after
250 men in place of twenty-five. Suppose he had to work them ten and twelve that the hours a day. Suppose he had to make his dia up his team from men who had no use isn't eve for baseball and who, in the main, had debate.

And any one who has been in the bigger game, who has absorbed from the inside—not from the outside, looking on—the trouble and work that face a company, commander, will understand that the captain is eminently correct in his diagnosis—so correct that there debate. his diagnosis—so correct that there NATIONAL COMMISSION

Sports Served Short

Thomas E. Jones, brother of Tad Jones, as been elected football maptain of the hillips Exeter eleven. The St. Louis Americans have bought Pete Johns, second baseman of the Colum-bus American League team.

Urban Faber, who pitched the Chicago Americans to three victories in the world series, has signed a contract with Comiskey. Involuntary proceedings have been begun to have the Buffalo International League club declared insolvent. Twelve claims are scheduled by J. J. Lannin for sums ad-vanced to pay rentals and salaries.

W. H. Foliett, of the Scarboro Golf Club, sas the medalist in the qualifying round of the annual tournament of the Winter Golf Lesgue of Advertising Interests at Pineburst. Mrs. J. A. Moore, Sleepy Rollow, won the tross score prize in the women's section.

Al Manaux la Pleased to Join Brooklyn Team

Notes of the Bowlers

Edeuard, in the Keystone League, is giv-Budd Manufacturing Company team is one game back of Western Electric, which trying hard to retail. first place in the dustrial League.

One game separates Florist and Victors in ection B of the Keystone League. Another tie for leadership is in the Phila-eiphia Manufacturing League. American uiley and Hoopes & Townsend are both bat-ling for the honors.

In the Main Line Bowling League and haif of the season finds four clut ie, the four winners each taking two or hree—Ardmore, W. M. C. A., Autocar & Radner and Bryn Mawr Fire being sinners.

\$500 IS RAISED FOR WILDING MEMORIAL

The Wilding memorial fund being raised by Australian tennis players to purchase a perpetual trophy to commemorate the memory of Anthony F. Wilding has passed the \$500 mark and gives promise of doubling these figures. The New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association has been presented with the racquet that Wilding used in the Davis first offered as a trophy in a wartime tournament, and the ultimate winner deeded it to the association as a perpetual property.

WALKS 35 MILES ON SKIS THROUGH STORM

MACK NO SANTY, SAYS FRAZEE

Stuffy McInnis Not Given Tillman Goes to Mat to Sox, Declares Owner of Red Sox

'STUFF AND 'NONSENSE"

BOSTON, Jan. 15.

Harry Frazee, president of the Red Sox, said yesterday before leaving for New York that Connie Mack is very much mistaken in his statement that he gave Stuffy Mclunis to the Boston team. He remarked that Connie is not in the game for the love of it and that Mack is not getting the worst of it.

When queried regarding stories from Philadelphia in which Mack was quoted as saying that he virtually had pre-sented McInnis to the Red Sox. Frazee

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fold. The player in question is the to be Devrill Pratt, of the Browns.

PERMITS BARNSTORMING

Reverses Previous Attitude at Urgent Solicitation of Club Owners, Official Report States

The National Commission has reversed itself on the question of barnstorming players. The commission has decided that hall players may take barnstorming trips at the end of the season if they have the permission of their club owners. The commission investigated a game played in Kansas City last fall where Alexander and Johnson met in an game played in Kansas City last fall where Alexander and Johnson met in an exhibition contest, backed by two teams calling themselves the All Nationals and All Americans. The commission investigation revealed the fact that several club owners had given their players permission to play in this game.

The commission in its report says:

"This change in the system was made at the urgent solicitation of the club owners."

Whether this also changes the policy of the commission in regard to world's series players participating in exhibition games the commission bulletin does not say.

Herzog Says He Is Pleased JACKSONVILLE, Fia., Jan. 15.—Charley Herzog, recently traded to Hoston by the New York club, said here today that he is well pleased with the deal. Horseg arrived here from Haddock, Gs., where he conferred with Manager Stallings.

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CLINE-TILLMAN BOUT HAMMER AND TONG AFFAIR BUT HONORS ARE EVEN AFTER 6 HARD ROUNDS

Irish Patsy Takes Lead at Start, but Jawn Finishes Strong and Grabs 50-50 Break in Windup at the Olympia

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THERE was only one thing wrong with the wind-up at the Olympia last I with the wind-up at the Olympia last night. It wasn't long enough. For six rounds Johnny Tillman and Irish Patsy Cline mauled and battered each other, and at the end if there was a difference between the victor and the victim we failed to see it. It was a very good draw, Had the bout gone a few rounds further something serious would have happened to one of the blokes because the arder of the battlers was not cooled at the finish. They seemed to be willing to argue all night, and the crowd was wildly cheering at the finish.

Cline put up a classy performance.

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Cline put up a classy performance, but so did Tillman. The Irish person had a style all his own and used it to good advantage. On the other hand, Tillman, with his lumbering, awkwardly clever slams, which came from every direction, also used his own methods of warfare and each found it hard to inflict punishment on the other. No matter how you figure it, it was a fifty-fifty break.

science to speak of and his clever stuff was as valuable as a glass eye on a dark night. He was the fighter pure and simple, his blows of the roundhouse variety. But despite all of this he had a defense which it was virtually impossible to penetrate.

The day of times, but roused himself just in time.

Reddy Bell, ably managed.

possible to penetrate.

Patsy hit straight from the shoulder and made the better showing. No matter where his blows landed they impressed the spectators. He landed many wallops on Johnny's anatomy, but the majority of them hit Tillman's arms and shoulders, with an occasional biff on the chest. He seldom missed. Tillman is a swinger, and whan he missed his wallops flew harmlessly through the air, a causing as much damage as a breeze from an electric fan. But he landed as many blows as Cline and put more behind them.

Johnny got off to a bad start and was trailing at the end of the third stanza. He was swept off his feet by the rushing New Yorker, and before he knew it was running a bad second. In the first round he tripped over his own feet and fell to the mat, and at the end of the second took another flop when Patsy leaned on his jaw when Tillman was off balance.

Muggsty Taylor's prids heren in fake

Muggsy Taylor's pride began to take notice of things in the fourth, and started a steady tattoo on Cline's ribs. He showered blows from every angle, and Patsy had as much chance to stop them as Connie Mack has of copping the pennant. Cline slowly but surely lost his lead, and at the end was a very fired person. He at the end was a very fired person. stopped many wild wallops with his chin and twice was shaken considerably by hard lefts to head. It was a good scrap and the clubmen agreed that a pleasant

Evening Ledger Decisions

of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA A. A.—Johnny Tillman and Irish Patav Cline drew, Leo Vincent best Mqus Koster, Young Rector lost to Yanns Joe Borrell, Reddy Bell triumed Joe Steers, Johnn Murrey stepped Frankle McCarty in second.

NEW ORLEANS—Johnny Dundes outpointed Pai Muran in twenty rounds.

COLUMBUS, O.—Ted Lewis and Seider Barfield drew in twelve rounds.

CLEVELAND, G.—Mait Brock outpointed Babe Picato in a ten-round best, CHARLEROI, P.A.—Harry Greb knewled out Battling Kopin in first round.

NEW YORK—Jemmy Kane knowled out Danny Shar in second; Johnny Burt drew with Young Sheldon in ten rounds.

Rector Takes a Beating

Cline Flashy at Boxing

Cline is a boxer and his work was fashy. Tillman walked around like a fashy. Toung Rector came all the way from Jersey City to meet Young Joe Borrell, and enjoyed himself as much as if he had and enjoyed himself as much as if he had and dented his face with several science to speak of and his clever stuff science to speak of and his work was dense all the way from Jersey City to meet Young Joe Borrell, and enjoyed himself as much as if he had no dense in a train wreck. Youthful Joseph hit the visitor with everything he had and dented his face with several cruestian science to speak of and his clever stuff science to speak of and his clever stuff science to speak of and his clever stuff science to speak of an all the way from Jersey City to meet Young Joe Borrell, and enjoyed himself as much as if he had and dented his face with science to speak of an all the way from Jersey City to meet Young Joe Borrell, and enjoyed himself as much as if he had and enjoyed himself as much as if he had and dented his face with science to speak of an all the way from Jersey City to meet Young Joe Borrell, and enjoyed himself as much as if he had and dented his face with science to speak of an all the way from Jersey City to meet Young Joe Borrell, and enjoyed himself as much as if he had and enjoyed himself as much as if he had an all the way from Jersey City to meet Young Joe Borrell, and enjoyed himself as much as if he had an all the way from Jersey City to meet Young Joe B

time.

Reddy Bell, ably managed and watered by Bill Grace, trimmed Joe Steers of New York, in the second bout. It marked the first appearance of Mc. Grace as a manager, and the newcomsedid well. He was adept at handling the sponge and no one would die of thirst if he were on the job. However, Reddy won by a couple of miles. In the opening act Frankie McCarty met with an actident in the first round. He ran into one of Johnny Murray's wallops and took the high dive. He will recover.

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